MYSORE ACT No. LI OF 1948.

THE MYSORE PREVENTION OF ANIMAL SACRIFICES ACT, 1948.

(Received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja on the Twenty-fifth day of July 1948.)

An Act to prevent Animal Sacrifices in connection with Hindu Temples.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the prevention of animal sacrifices taking place in connection with Hindu temples; Preamble.

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Mysore Prevention of Animal Sacrifices Act, 1948. Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It extends to the [1][whole of the State of Mysore except Bellary District.]

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,— Definitions.

(*a*) "animal" includes any animate being, which is not human, endowed with the power of voluntary motion;

(*b*) "precincts" in relation to a temple includes all lands and buildings near a temple, whether belonging to the temple or not, ordinarily being used for purposes connected with the worship of the temple, and in particular shall include the mantapams, prakarams, front yards and back yards of the temple by whatever name called, and also the ground on which the temple car ordinarily stands;

(*c*) "sacrifice" means the killing or maiming of any animal for the purpose of, or with the view to, propitiating or pleasing any deity;

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1. See the Mysore Adaptation of Laws Order, 1953.

(*d*) "temple" means a place by whatever name known, dedicated to, or for the benefit of, or used by any caste or class of Hindu community or by the Hindu community in general as a place of public religious worship (including subsidiary shrines and mantapams attached to such place).

Sacrifice inside temple or its precincts prohibited.

3. No person shall sacrifice any animal inside any temple or its precincts, or when a deity is being taken in procession in a temple car or otherwise before or near such car or such deity.

Service in any sacrifice prohibited.

4. No person shall officiate, perform or otherwise serve in any sacrifice in any temple or its precincts, or before or near a temple car or a deity, or offer to officiate or serve in any such sacrifice.

Land or building in temple precincts not to be allowed for sacrifice.

5. No person being in possession of any land or building forming part of the precincts of a temple shall allow any sacrifice to be performed on such land or in such building.

Abetment, etc.

6. Any person who attempts to contravene or abets or attempts to abet a contravention of section 3, section 4 or section 5 shall be deemed to have contravened the said section.

Penalty.

7. Whoever contravenes the provisions of this Act shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or with both.

General power to arrest without warrant.

8. Any police officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector may arrest without warrant any person who contravenes the provisions of this Act.

Power to make rules or orders.

9. The Government may make rules or orders generally for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.